

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 1, line 6 as follows:

“In computer software development, it is important to be able to save and restore the state of the developed applications as those applications are programmed, tested and debugged. Java-dDevelopers of Java® create computer software component technology called JavaBeans® using the specification set forth by Sun Microsystems, Inc., Palo Alto, California. The JavaBeans specification describes a technique called “serialization” to save and restore component state of a JavaBean during development. According to the JavaBeans specification, the act of serialization is delegated to the JavaBean itself.”